PREACHER BREHM

Pastor Helps Make Ammunition

Referred to by his co-workers at Joliet Arsenal as "Preacher Brehm," Hugo Brehm, 10 Clyde Ave., aptly illustrates the family phrase "praise the Lord and pass the ammunition."

Brehm, a general foreman of the high explosives storage unit is also a minister with the Gospel church.

Recently he was cited by the government for a suggestion which will result in a safer hand cart loading operation and in considerable savings to the government.

THE AWARD was presented by Guy Anderson, chief of storage and transportation branch at Joliet Arsenal, on behalf of Col. Ronald B. Currens, commanding officer.

Following his graduation from Waukegan Township High School, Brehm entered the South Western Theological seminary and upon completion of his course was ordained for the ministry.

From 1936 until he entered military service in 1940, he was pastor of the New Lenox Gospel church. Lacking sufficient college credits for appointment as chaplain, he was assigned to the 210th general hospital, in the Panama Canal Zone as medical technician.

FOLLOWING his separation from military service and while awaiting a pastoral call, Brehm took a job as a munition handler at the Arsenal in 1946. He was promoted to supervisor in 1947, a post which he held until 1949 when he was assigned foreman of his unit.

A popular supervisor and affectionately referred to by his men as "Preacher Brehm" he has not neglected his professional calling. During hi off duty hours, he assists in two churches of his denomination.

Asked whether he intends to follow his calling on a full time basis, Brehm said that as far as the predictable future is concerned he will have to "praise the Lord and pass the ammunition."

He resides in Joliet with his wife, LaVerle.

PREACHER PASSES AMMUNITION — Hugo H. Brehm, 10 Clyde Ave., right, a preacher turned foreman for the defense effort, receives recognition for a safety suggestion at Joliet Arsenal. He is presented the award by Guy Anderson, left, chief of storage and transportation. (U. S. Army photo.)